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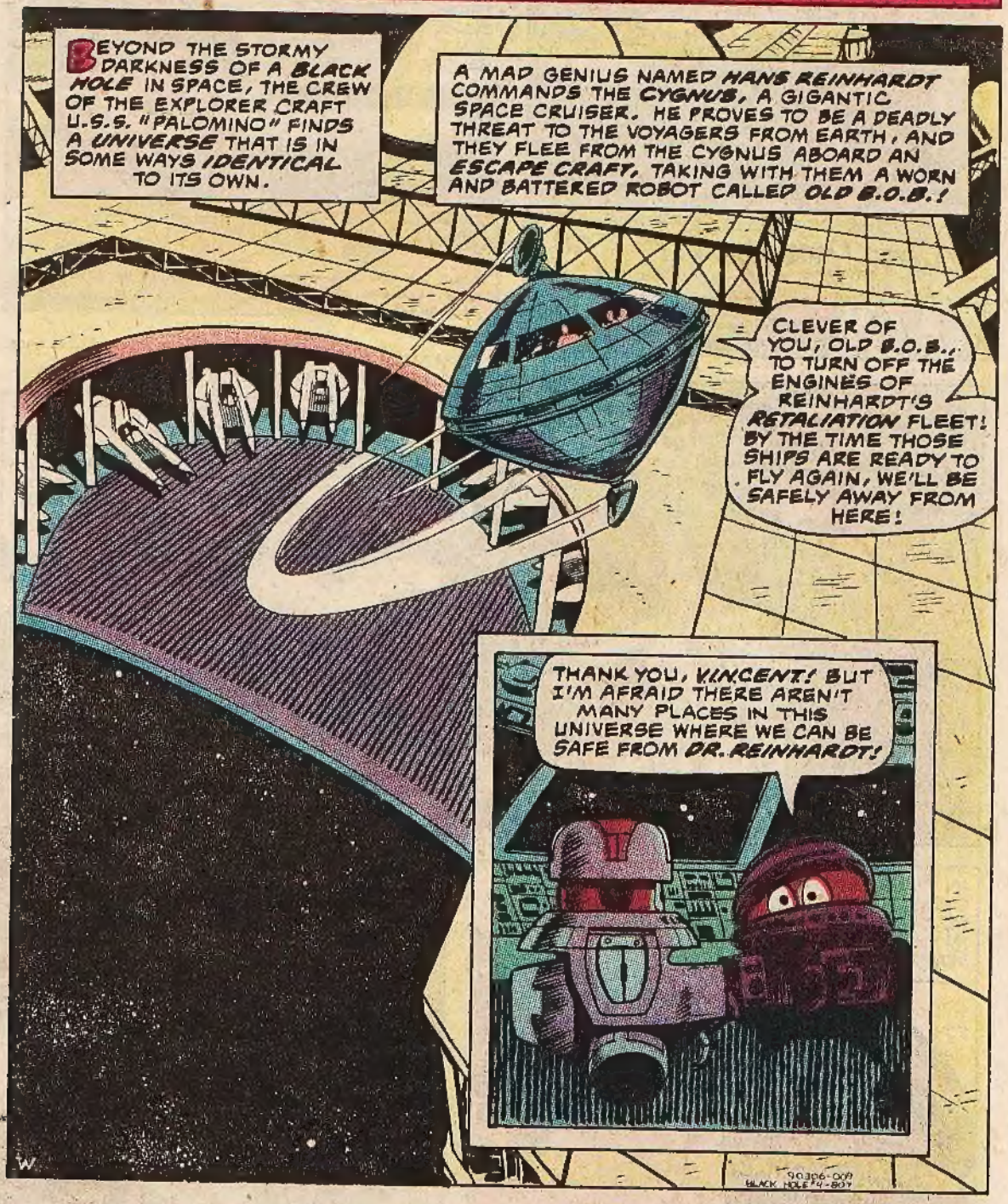
BEYOND THE STORMY DARKNESS OF A BLACK HOLE IN SPACE, THE CREW OF THE EXPLORER CRAFT U.S.S. "PALOMINO" FINDS A UNIVERSE THAT IS IN SOME WAYS IDENTICAL TO ITS OWN.
A MAD GENIUS NAMED HANS REINHARDT COMMANDS THE CYGNUS, A GIGANTIC SPACE CRUISER. HE PROVES TO BE A DEADLY THREAT TO THE VOYAGERS FROM EARTH, AND THEY FLEE FROM THE CYGNUS ABOARD AN ESCAPE CRAFT, TAKING WITH THEM A WORN AND BATTERED ROBOT CALLED OLD B.O.B.!
CLEVER OF YOU, OLD B.O.B., TO TURN OFF THE ENGINES OF REINHARDT'S RETALIATION FLEET! BY THE TIME THOSE SHIPS ARE READY TO FLY AGAIN, WE'LL BE SAFELY AWAY FROM HERE!
THANK YOU, VINCENT! BUT I'M AFRAID THERE AREN'T MANY PLACES IN THIS UNIVERSE WHERE WE CAN BE SAFE FROM DR. REINHARDT!
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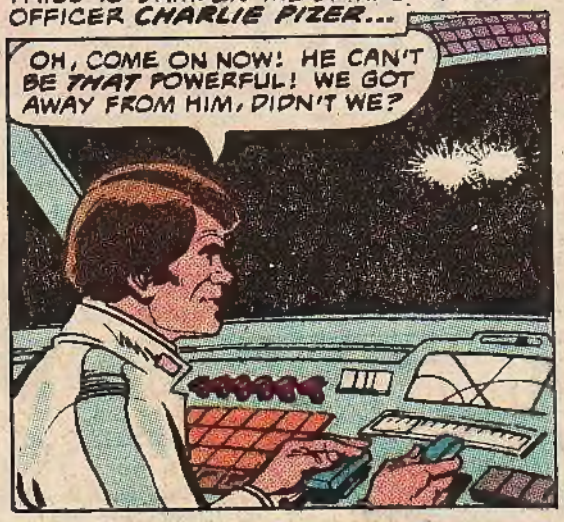
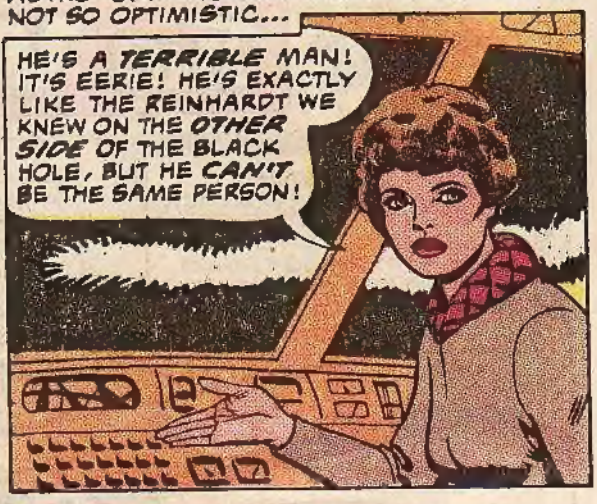
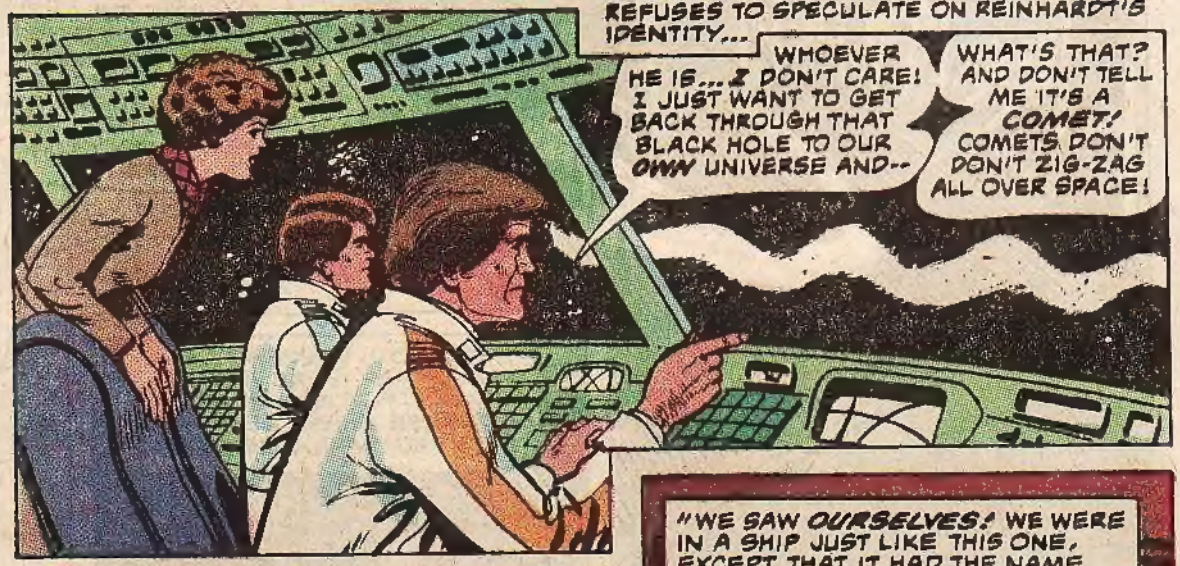


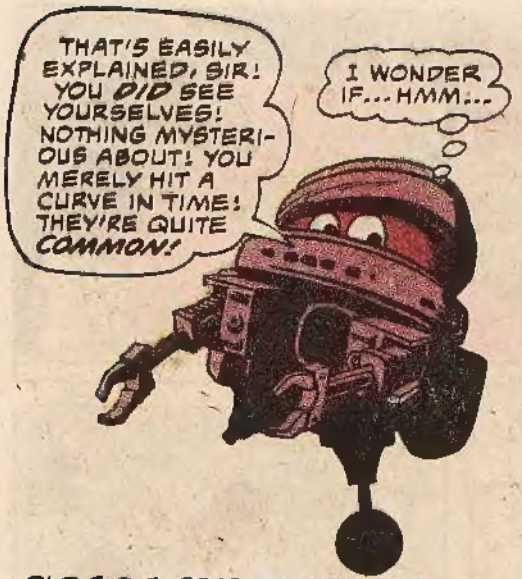
ASTRO-GEPHYSICIST DR. KATE McCRAE IS NOT SO OPTIMISTIC...

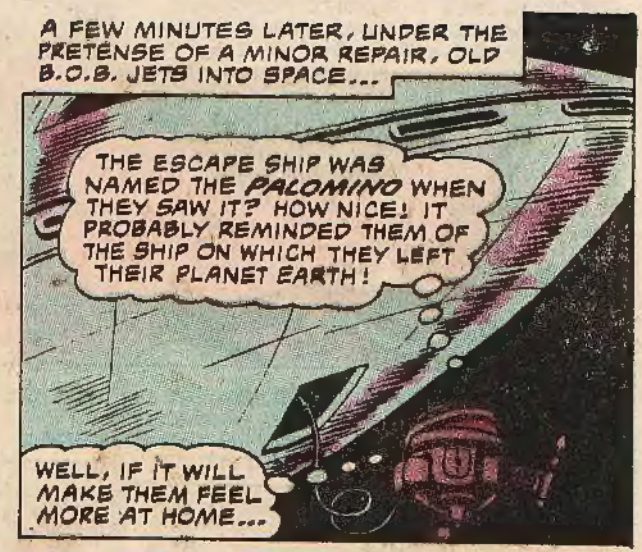

HE'S A *TERRIBLE* MAN! IT'S EERIE! HE'S EXACTLY LIKE THE REINHARDT WE KNEW ON THE *OTHER SIDE* OF THE BLACK HOLE, BUT HE *CAN'T* BE THE SAME PERSON!

COMMAND PILOT *DAN HOLLAND* REFUSES TO SPECULATE ON REINHARDT'S IDENTITY...

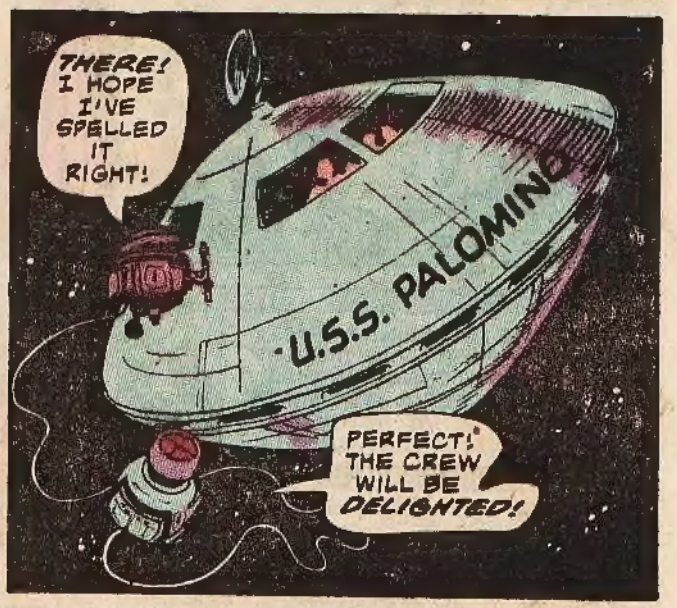

WHOEVER HE IS... I DON'T CARE! I JUST WANT TO GET BACK THROUGH THAT BLACK HOLE TO OUR *OWN* UNIVERSE AND--
WHAT'S THAT? AND DON'T TELL ME IT'S A *COMET!* COMETS DON'T DON'T ZIG-ZAG ALL OVER SPACE!

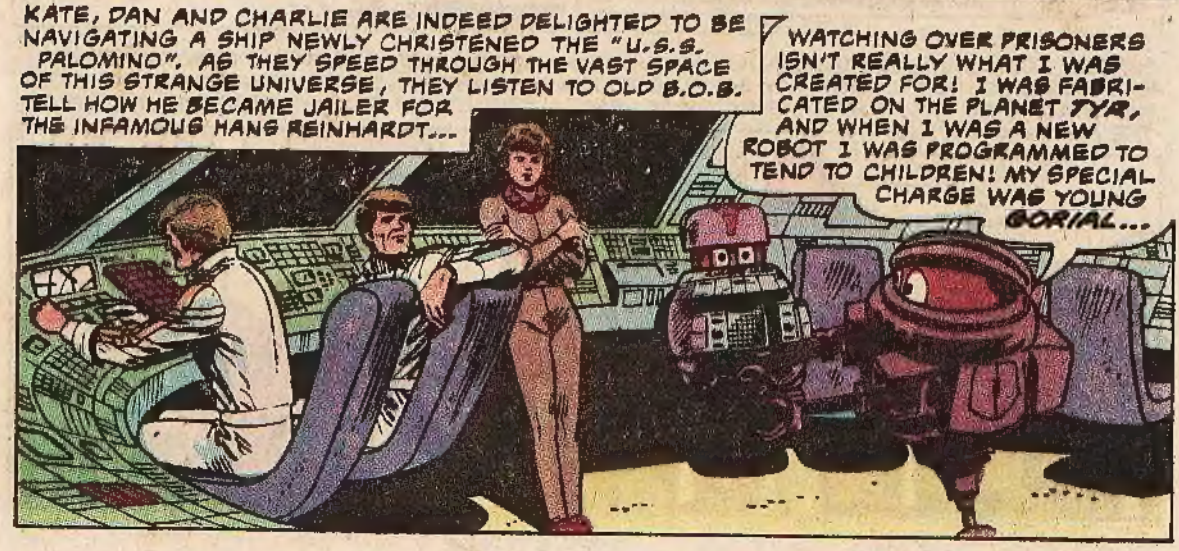
IN *THIS* UNIVERSE THEY DO, SIR! HOW DO THEY BEHAVE IN THE UNIVERSE *YOU* KNOW?
IF I CAN GET US BACK THERE, YOU'LL SEE! THIS PLACE IS *WEIRD!* WHEN WE FIRST SHOT THROUGH THE BLACK HOLE, DO YOU KNOW WHAT WE SAW?


THAT'S EASILY EXPLAINED, SIR! YOU DID SEE YOURSELVES! NOTHING MYSTERIOUS ABOUT! YOU MERELY HIT A CURVE IN TIME! THEY'RE QUITE COMMON!
I WONDER IF... HMM...


A FEW MINUTES LATER, UNDER THE PRETENSE OF A MINOR REPAIR, OLD B.O.B. JETS INTO SPACE...
THE ESCAPE SHIP WAS NAMED THE PALOMINO WHEN THEY SAW IT? HOW NICE! IT PROBABLY REMINDED THEM OF THE SHIP ON WHICH THEY LEFT THEIR PLANET EARTH!
WELL, IF IT WILL MAKE THEM FEEL MORE AT HOME...

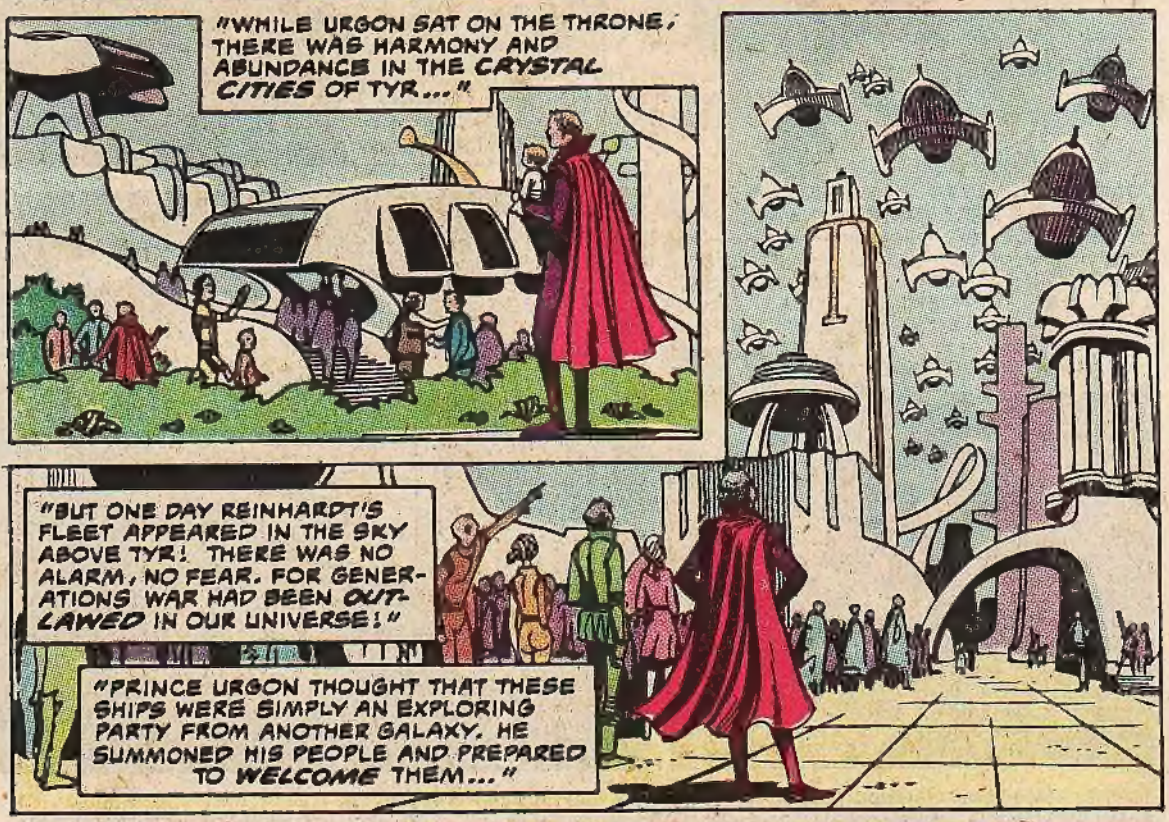
OLD B.O.B. SETS TO WORK. HE DOESN'T STOP EVEN WHEN VINCENT APPEARS...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, OLD B.O.B.? CAPTAIN HOLLAND WASN'T AWARE OF ANY NECESSARY REPAIR!
JUST FIXING A SURPRISE FOR OUR FRIENDS!


THERE! I HOPE I'VE SPELLED IT RIGHT!
U.S.S. PALOMINO
PERFECT! THE CREW WILL BE DELIGHTED!


KATE, DAN AND CHARLIE ARE INDEED DELIGHTED TO BE NAVIGATING A SHIP NEWLY CHRISTENED THE "U.S.S. PALOMINO". AS THEY SPEED THROUGH THE VAST SPACE OF THIS STRANGE UNIVERSE, THEY LISTEN TO OLD B.O.B. TELL HOW HE BECAME JAILER FOR THE INFAMOUS HANS REINHARDT...
WATCHING OVER PRISONERS ISN'T REALLY WHAT I WAS CREATED FOR! I WAS FABRICATED ON THE PLANET TYR, AND WHEN I WAS A NEW ROBOT I WAS PROGRAMMED TO TEND TO CHILDREN! MY SPECIAL CHARGE WAS YOUNG GORIAL...

"GORIAL WAS THE SON OF *URGON*, THE *PRINCE* OF TYR. URGON WAS A GOOD RULER, GENEROUS AND JUST..."

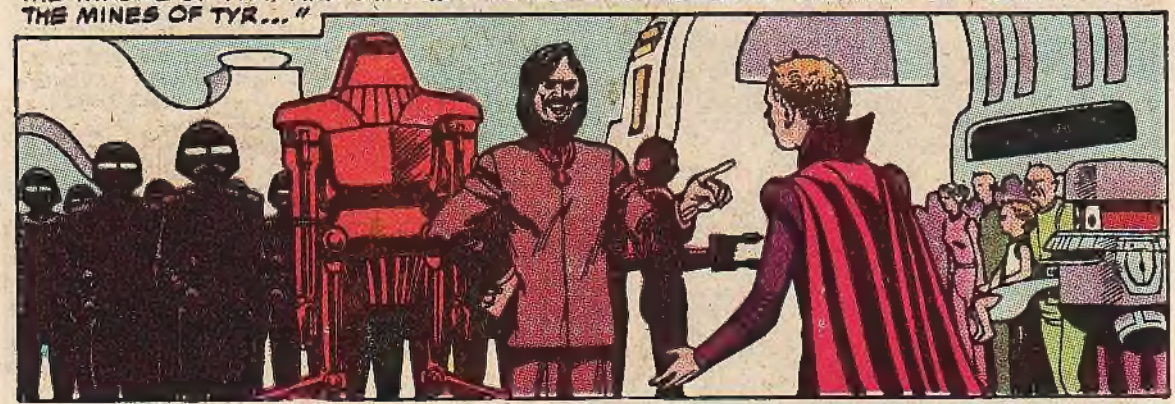
"WHILE URGON SAT ON THE THRONE, THERE WAS HARMONY AND ABUNDANCE IN THE *CRYSTAL CITIES* OF TYR..."



"BUT ONE DAY REINHARDT'S FLEET APPEARED IN THE SKY ABOVE TYR! THERE WAS NO ALARM, NO FEAR. FOR GENERATIONS WAR HAD BEEN *OUTLAWED* IN OUR UNIVERSE!"

"PRINCE URGON THOUGHT THAT THESE SHIPS WERE SIMPLY AN EXPLORING PARTY FROM ANOTHER GALAXY. HE SUMMONED HIS PEOPLE AND PREPARED TO *WELCOME* THEM..."

"URGON SOON LEARNED THE TRUTH! WHEN REINHARDT LANDED WITH HIS ROBOT FORCES, HE DEMANDED THAT URGON PAY HOMAGE TO HIM! HE ANNOUNCED THAT *HE* WOULD SIT ON THE THRONE OF TYR, AND THAT HE'D COLLECT A TRIBUTE OF ONE HALF OF THE OUTPUT OF THE MINES OF TYR..."



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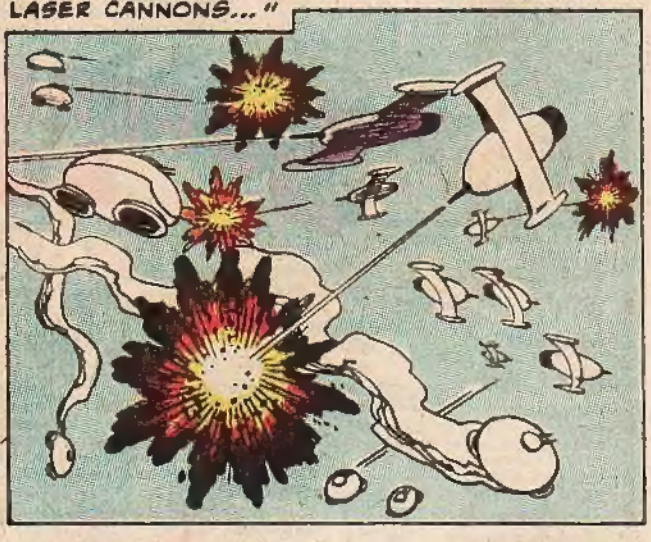
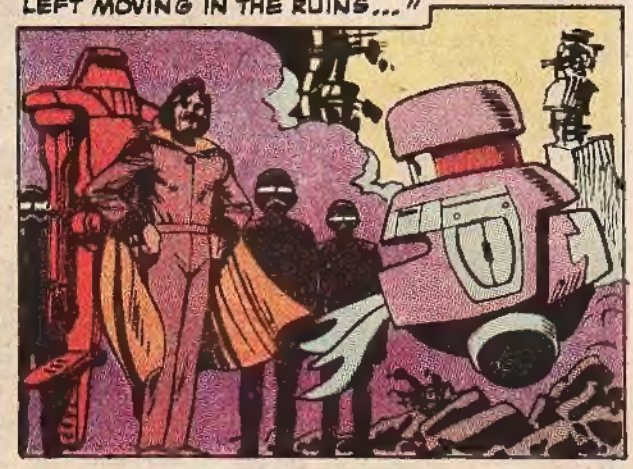
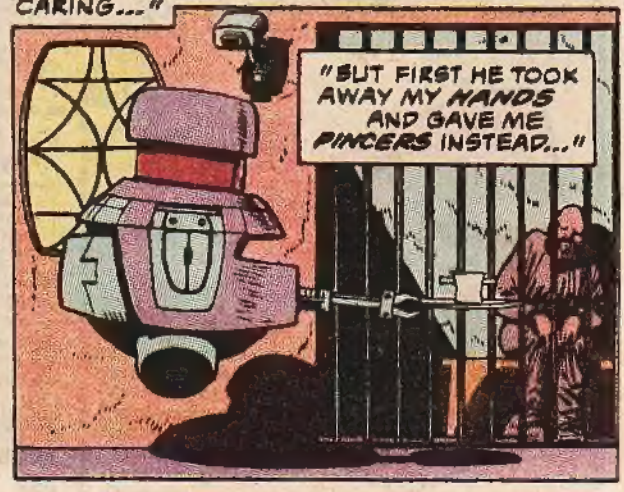
"WE SAW THE PUNY FLEETS OF TYR, NOT PREPARED FOR COMBAT DUE TO YEARS OF INACTIVITY, BLASTED OUT OF THE SKIES BY REINHARDT'S LASER CANNONS..."



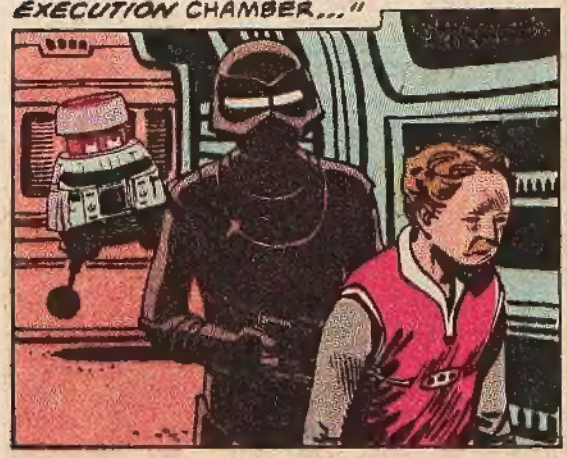
"HE DIDN'T CARE! IF HE COULDN'T *RULE*, HE WANTED TO *DESTROY!* AND HOW WELL HE HAD DESTROYED TYR. I WAS THE ONLY THING LEFT MOVING IN THE RUINS..."

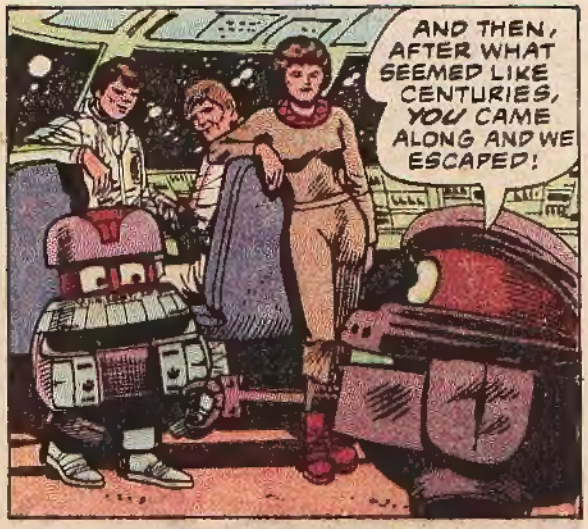


"REINHARDT MADE ME JAILER ABOARD THE CYGNUS BECAUSE I WAS PROGRAMMED TO BE CARING..."



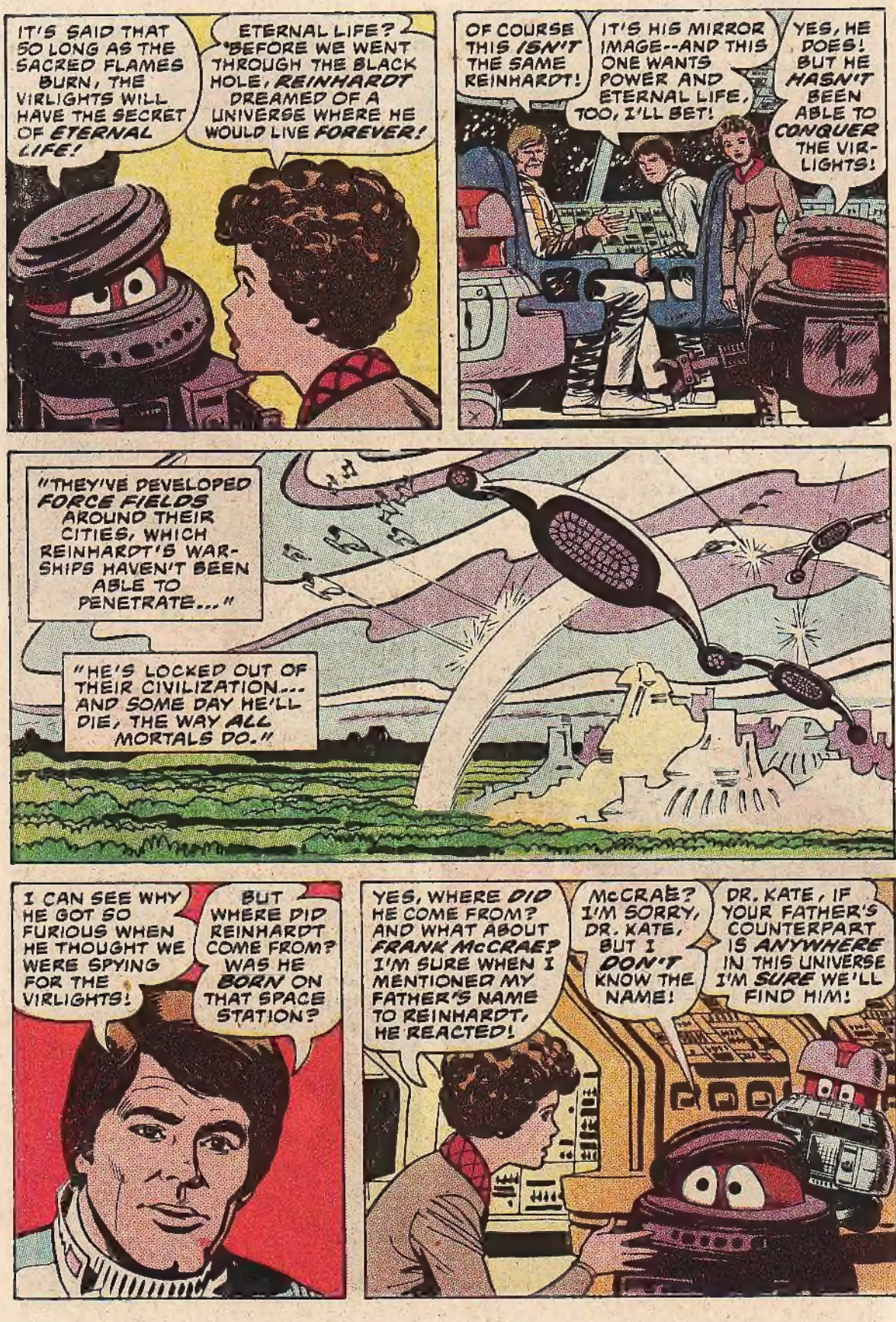
"IT WASN'T EASY. EVERY TIME I GOT *FOND* OF A PRISONER, REINHARDT'S ROBOTS WOULD MARCH HIM OFF TO THE *EXECUTION* CHAMBER..."



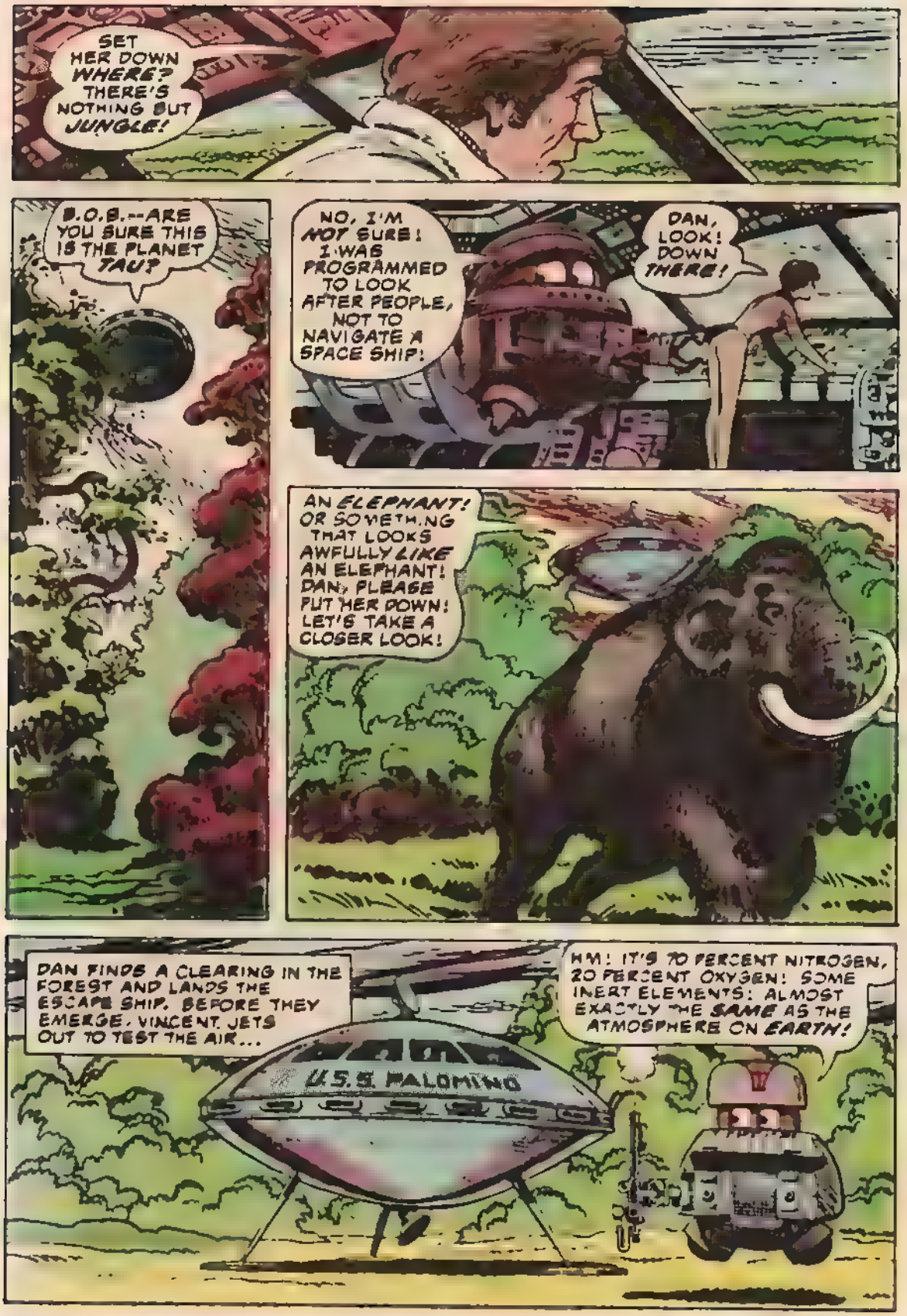


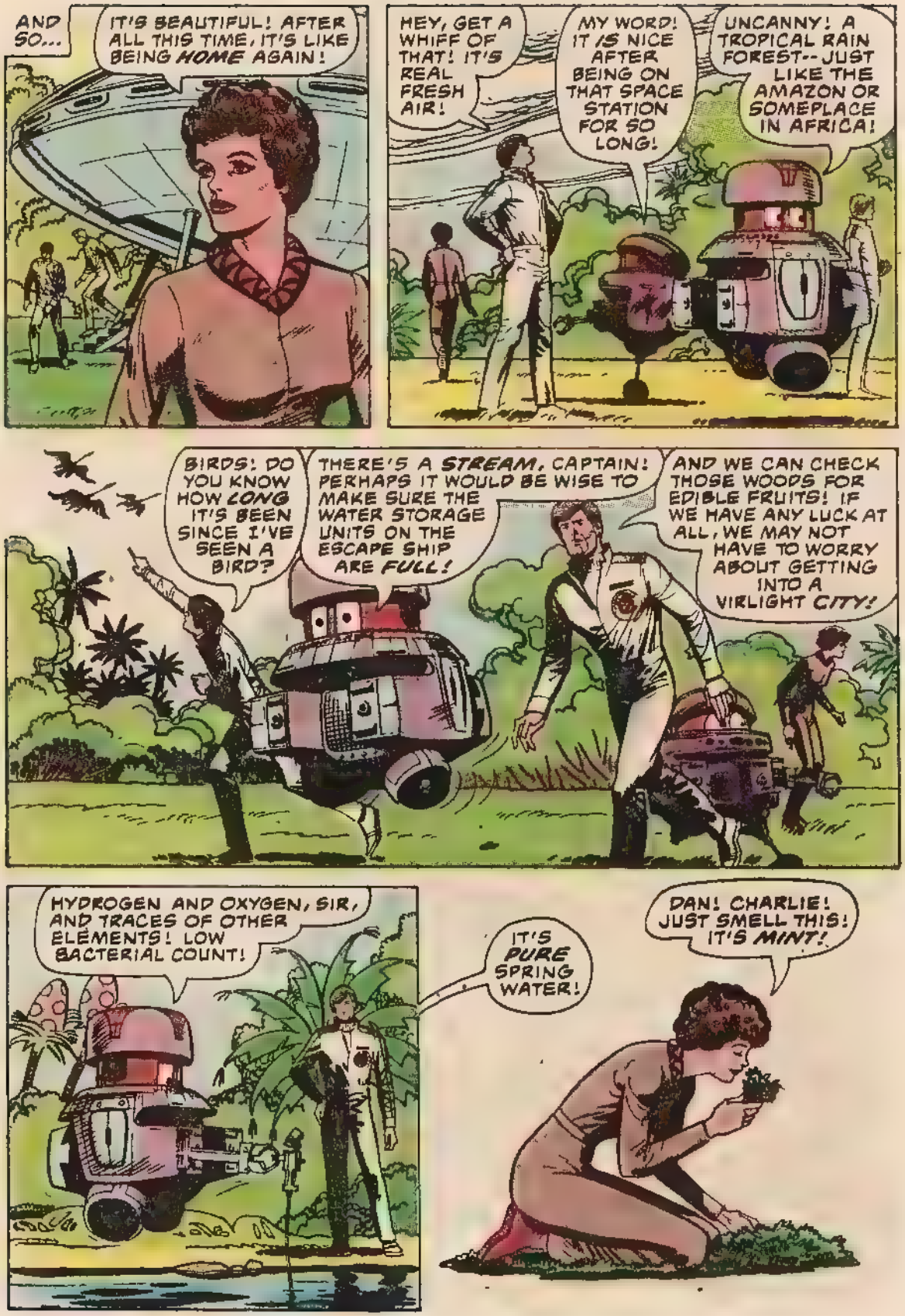
"UNFORTUNATELY, REINHARDT'S RAMPAGE DIDN'T STOP WITH TYR! HE BLASTED *ENTIRE* RACES INTO ASHES! HE HAS WIPED OUT *WHOLE* PEOPLES! NO ONE WAS PREPARED! NO ONE BELIEVED THERE WOULD EVER BE *WAR* IN OUR UNIVERSE..."

AH, THE *VIRLIGHTS!* YES... MARVELOUS PEOPLE! THEY LIVE ON THE PLANET *TAU* IN THE CONSTELLATION *BETRANA!*
THEY'RE VERY VIRTUOUS AND VERY WISE... AND IN THEIR TEMPLES THEY KEEP *SACRED FIRES* BURNING!


IT'S SAID THAT SO LONG AS THE SACRED FLAMES BURN, THE VIRLIGHTS WILL HAVE THE SECRET OF ETERNAL LIFE!
ETERNAL LIFE? BEFORE WE WENT THROUGH THE BLACK HOLE, REINHARDT DREAMED OF A UNIVERSE WHERE HE WOULD LIVE FOREVER!
OF COURSE THIS ISN'T THE SAME REINHARDT!
IT'S HIS MIRROR IMAGE--AND THIS ONE WANTS POWER AND ETERNAL LIFE, TOO, I'LL BET!
YES, HE DOES! BUT HE HASN'T BEEN ABLE TO CONQUER THE VIRLIGHTS!
"THEY'VE DEVELOPED FORCE FIELDS AROUND THEIR CITIES, WHICH REINHARDT'S WARSHIPS HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO PENETRATE..."
"HE'S LOCKED OUT OF THEIR CIVILIZATION... AND SOME DAY HE'LL DIE, THE WAY ALL MORTALS DO."
I CAN SEE WHY HE GOT SO FURIOUS WHEN HE THOUGHT WE WERE SPYING FOR THE VIRLIGHTS!
BUT WHERE DID REINHARDT COME FROM? WAS HE BORN ON THAT SPACE STATION?
YES, WHERE DID HE COME FROM? AND WHAT ABOUT FRANK McCRAE? I'M SURE WHEN I MENTIONED MY FATHER'S NAME TO REINHARDT, HE REACTED!
McCRAE? I'M SORRY, DR. KATE, BUT I DON'T KNOW THE NAME!
DR. KATE, IF YOUR FATHER'S COUNTERPART IS ANYWHERE IN THIS UNIVERSE I'M SURE WE'LL FIND HIM!

PERHAPS SUCH A PERSON IS WITH THE VIRLIGHTS! ONE NEVER KNOWS...
"I DO KNOW THAT REINHARDT COMES FROM THE PLANET MAGON. IT IS PART OF A SOLAR SYSTEM WHERE THE SUN IS DYING... BURNING ITSELF OUT."
"REINHARDT COULD NOT REMAIN THERE. EVERY ONE HAD FLED FROM THE ICY COLD... AND WITHOUT WARM SUNLIGHT THERE WAS NO HARVEST --NOTHING TO EAT."
WELL, SPEAKING OF THINGS TO EAT, THERE AREN'T MANY PROVISIONS ABOARD THIS SHIP! WE'VE GOT TO SET DOWN SOMEWHERE AND TRY TO GET SOME SUPPLIES!
THAT WON'T BE EASY! REINHARDT'S KILLER ROBOTS ARE EVERYWHERE!
NO... THEY AREN'T IN THE VIRLIGHT CITIES! B.O.B., DO YOU THINK THE VIRLIGHTS WOULD HELP US?
THEY MIGHT-- IF ONLY WE CAN FIND A WAY TO ENTER ONE OF THE STRONG HOLDS
AND SO THE ESCAPE SHIP FROM THE CYGNUS SPEEDS THROUGH SPACE UNTIL IT REACHES THE VIRLIGHT SYSTEM IN THE CONSTELLATION OF BETRANA...
YES, THAT MUST BE IT! I'M SURE THE VIRLIGHT PLANET, TAU, IS THE SECOND ONE FROM THE SUN! YOU CAN TAKE HER DOWN THERE, CAPTAIN HOLLAND!


SET HER DOWN WHERE? THERE'S NOTHING BUT JUNGLE!
B.O.B.--ARE YOU SURE THIS IS THE PLANET TAU?
NO, I'M NOT SURE! I WAS PROGRAMMED TO LOOK AFTER PEOPLE, NOT TO NAVIGATE A SPACE SHIP!
DAN, LOOK! DOWN THERE!
AN ELEPHANT! OR SOMETHING THAT LOOKS AWFULLY LIKE AN ELEPHANT! DAN, PLEASE PUT HER DOWN! LET'S TAKE A CLOSER LOOK!
DAN FINDS A CLEARING IN THE FOREST AND LANDS THE ESCAPE SHIP. BEFORE THEY EMERGE, VINCENT JETS OUT TO TEST THE AIR...
U.S.S. PALOMINO
HM! IT'S 70 PERCENT NITROGEN, 20 PERCENT OXYGEN! SOME INERT ELEMENTS: ALMOST EXACTLY THE SAME AS THE ATMOSPHERE ON EARTH!


AND SO...
IT'S BEAUTIFUL! AFTER ALL THIS TIME, IT'S LIKE BEING HOME AGAIN!
HEY, GET A WHIFF OF THAT! IT'S REAL FRESH AIR!
MY WORD! IT IS NICE AFTER BEING ON THAT SPACE STATION FOR SO LONG!
UNCANNY! A TROPICAL RAIN FOREST--JUST LIKE THE AMAZON OR SOMEPLACE IN AFRICA!
BIRDS! DO YOU KNOW HOW LONG IT'S BEEN SINCE I'VE SEEN A BIRD?
THERE'S A STREAM, CAPTAIN! PERHAPS IT WOULD BE WISE TO MAKE SURE THE WATER STORAGE UNITS ON THE ESCAPE SHIP ARE FULL!
AND WE CAN CHECK THOSE WOODS FOR EDIBLE FRUITS! IF WE HAVE ANY LUCK AT ALL, WE MAY NOT HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT GETTING INTO A VIRLIGHT CITY!
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OH, DEAR!
CAPTAIN HOLLAND, DO HURRY! THE LASERS DON'T SEEM TO BOTHER THIS CREATURE!
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OKAY, YOU TWO! GET ABOARD! QUICKLY!
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WOW! NO WONDER WE DIDN'T SEE ANY PEOPLE!

OR ANY ROBOTS! REINHARDT EITHER HASN'T HIT THAT AREA YET OR HE'S DECIDED TO LEAVE IT ALONE!
YES! YOU COULD LOSE A LOT OF... (GULP!)... ROBOTS DOWN THERE!
B.O.B., THAT COULDN'T HAVE BEEN THE PLANET TAU! I DON'T SEE THE VIRLIGHTS CO-EXISTING WITH THAT MONSTER!
I'M SORRY, CAPTAIN HOLLAND! IT WASN'T TAU! I WAS MISTAKEN! TAU IS THE THIRD PLANET IN THIS SYSTEM, NOT THE SECOND!
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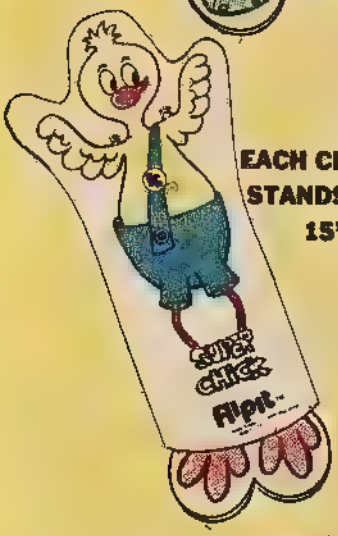

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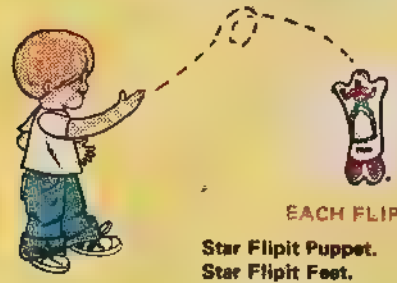

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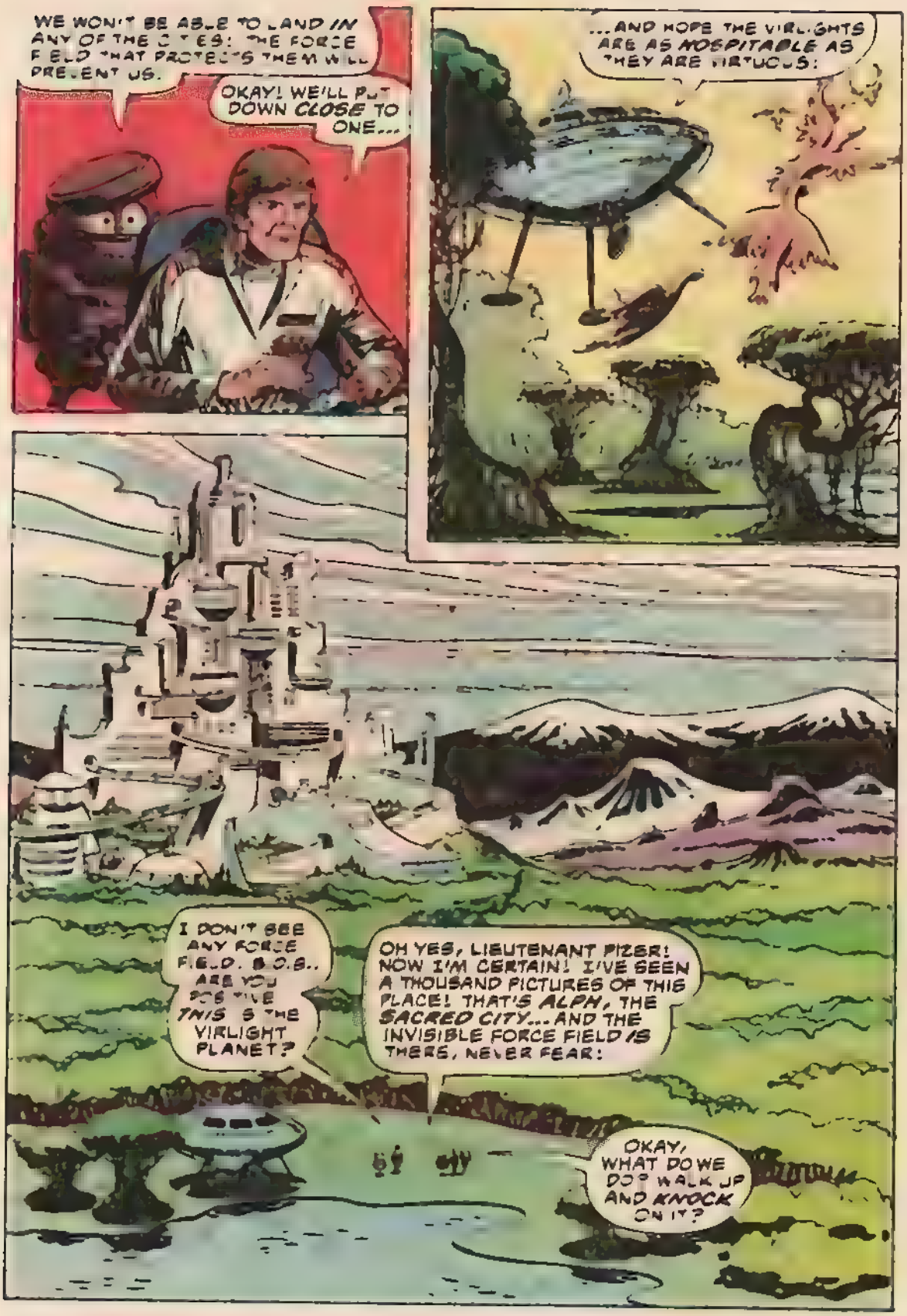
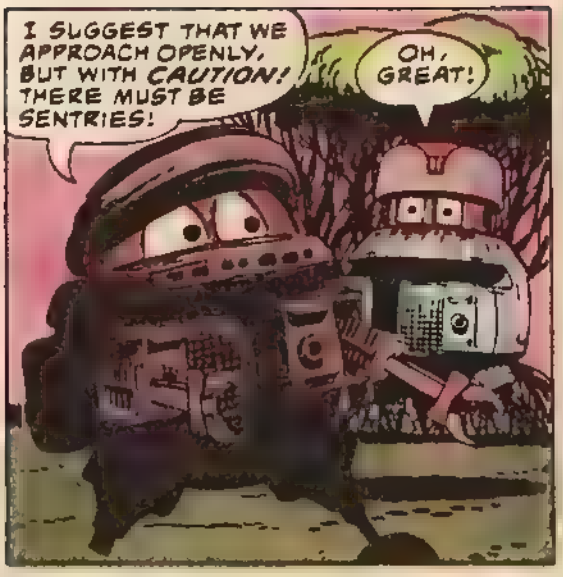
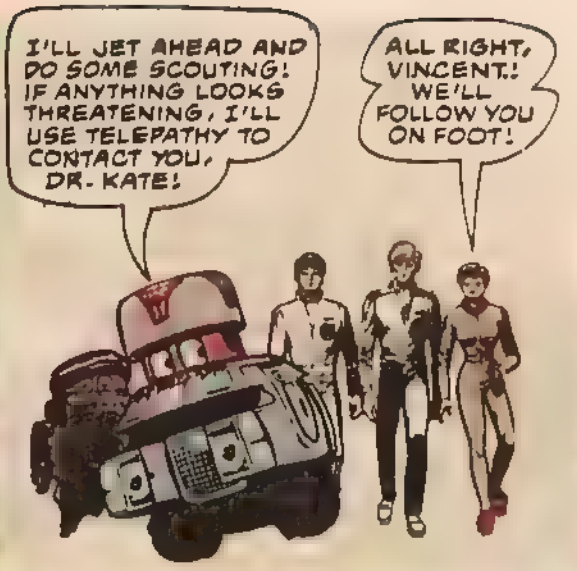
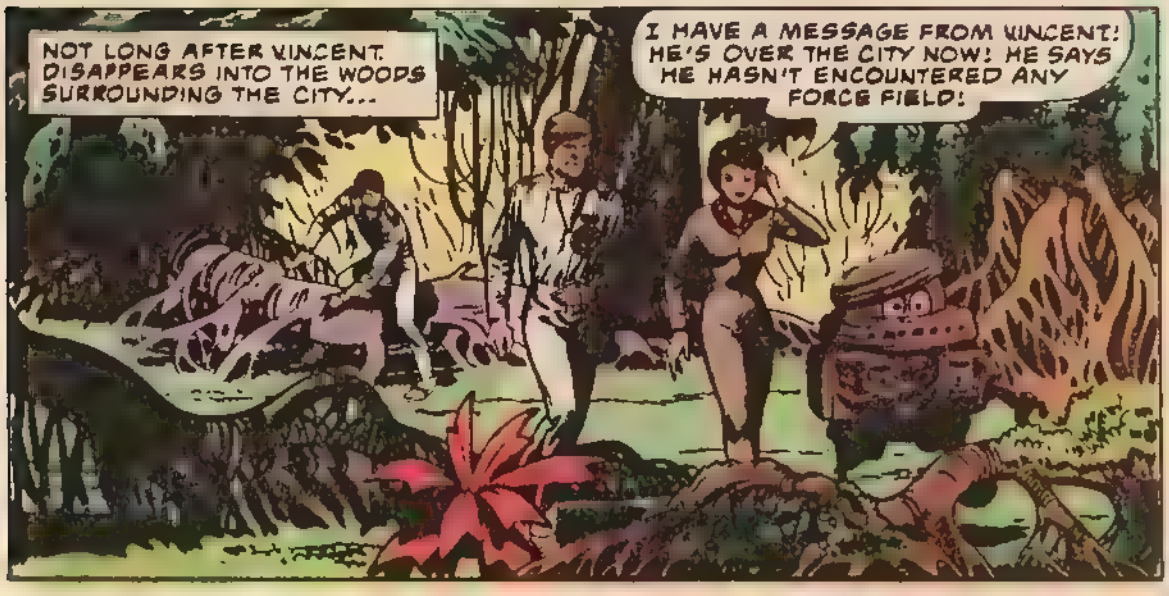
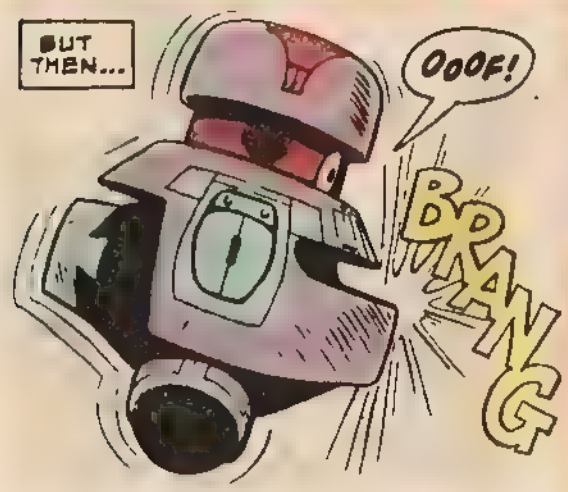

WE WON'T BE ABLE TO LAND IN ANY OF THE CITIES: THE FORCE FIELD THAT PROTECTS THEM WILL PREVENT US.
OKAY! WE'LL PUT DOWN CLOSE TO ONE...
...AND HOPE THE VIRLIGHTS ARE AS HOSPITABLE AS THEY ARE VIRTUOUS!
I DON'T SEE ANY FORCE FIELD, S.O.S.. ARE YOU POSITIVE THIS IS THE VIRLIGHT PLANET?
OH YES, LIEUTENANT FIZER! NOW I'M CERTAIN! I'VE SEEN A THOUSAND PICTURES OF THIS PLACE! THAT'S ALPH, THE SACRED CITY... AND THE INVISIBLE FORCE FIELD IS THERE, NEVER FEAR!
OKAY, WHAT DO WE DO? WALK UP AND KNOCK ON IT?

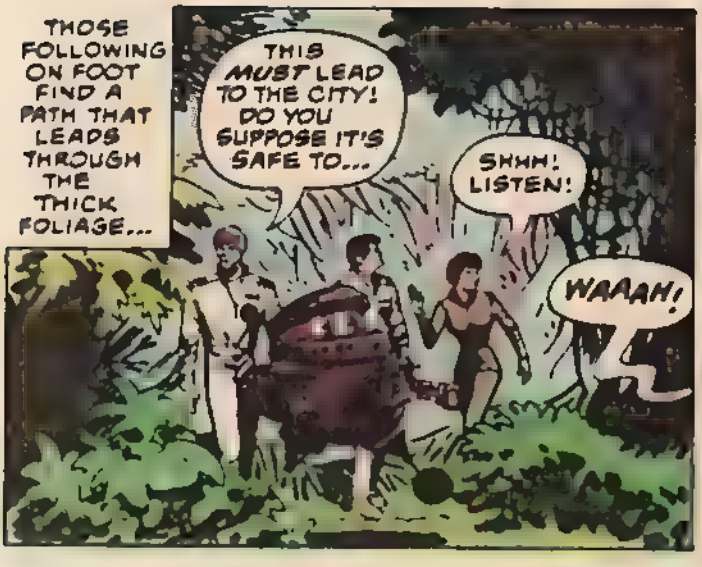

I SUGGEST THAT WE APPROACH OPENLY, BUT WITH CAUTION! THERE MUST BE SENTRIES!
OH, GREAT!


I'LL JET AHEAD AND DO SOME SCOUTING! IF ANYTHING LOOKS THREATENING, I'LL USE TELEPATHY TO CONTACT YOU, DR. KATE!
ALL RIGHT, VINCENT! WE'LL FOLLOW YOU ON FOOT!

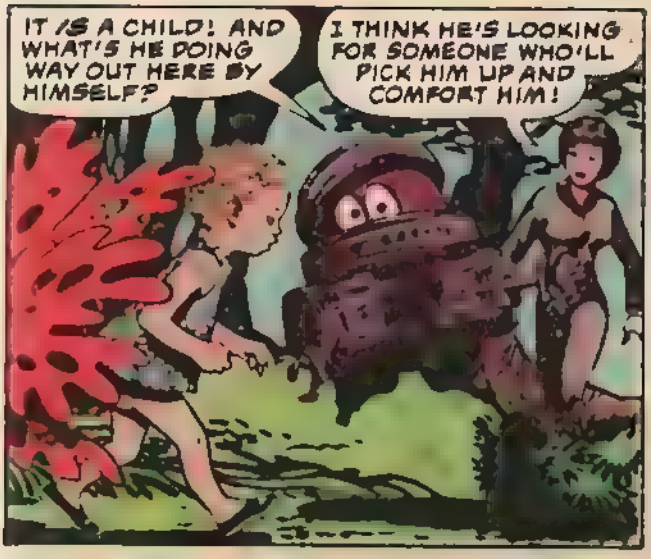

NOT LONG AFTER VINCENT DISAPPEARS INTO THE WOODS SURROUNDING THE CITY...
I HAVE A MESSAGE FROM VINCENT! HE'S OVER THE CITY NOW! HE SAYS HE HASN'T ENCOUNTERED ANY FORCE FIELD!


BUT THEN...
OOOF!
BRANG

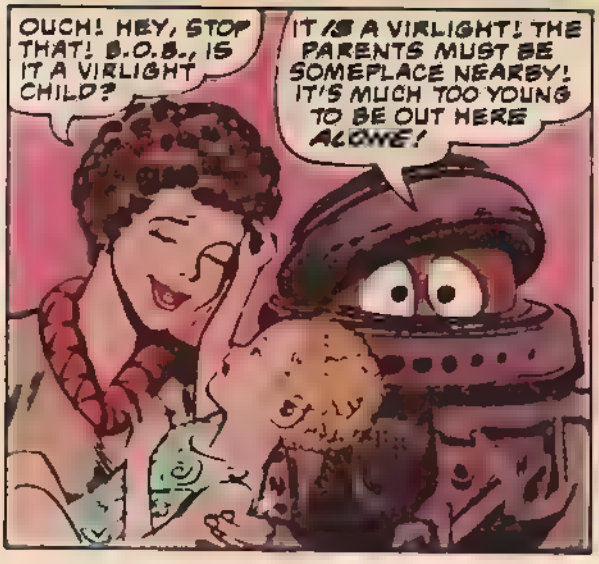
OUCH! I THINK HE'S FOUND IT!


THOSE FOLLOWING ON FOOT FIND A PATH THAT LEADS THROUGH THE THICK FOLIAGE...
THIS MUST LEAD TO THE CITY! DO YOU SUPPOSE IT'S SAFE TO...
SHHH! LISTEN!
WAAAH!

A CHILD! SPLINTER MY SOLENOIDS, IF THAT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE A CHILD!
WAAAH!


IT IS A CHILD! AND WHAT'S HE DOING WAY OUT HERE BY HIMSELF?
I THINK HE'S LOOKING FOR SOMEONE WHO'LL PICK HIM UP AND COMFORT HIM!

WELL NOW, LITTLE ONE... WHAT'S ALL THE NOISE ABOUT?


OUCH! HEY, STOP THAT! B.O.B., IS IT A VIRLIGHT CHILD?
IT IS A VIRLIGHT! THE PARENTS MUST BE SOMEPLACE NEARBY! IT'S MUCH TOO YOUNG TO BE OUT HERE ALONE!

PERHAPS WE'LL FIND THEM BEFORE WE REACH THE CITY AND THEY'LL HELP US REACH THE VIRLIGHT LEADERS!
LET'S HOPE SO, DR. KATE!

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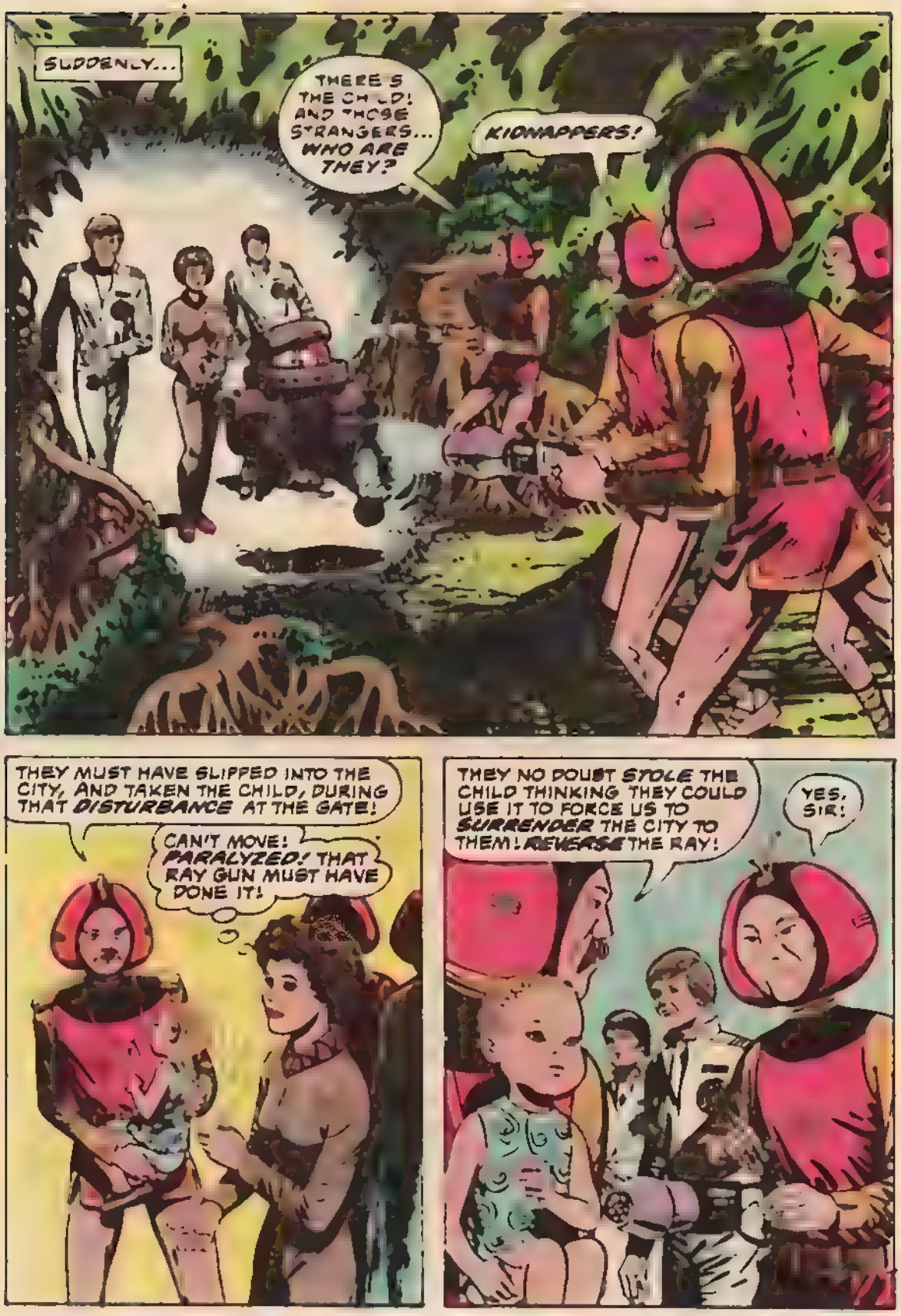
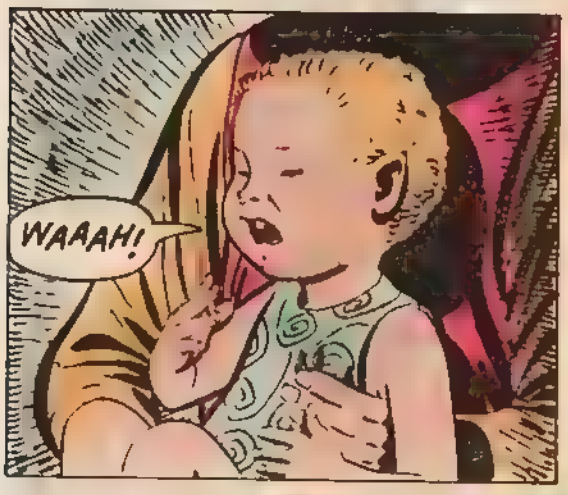
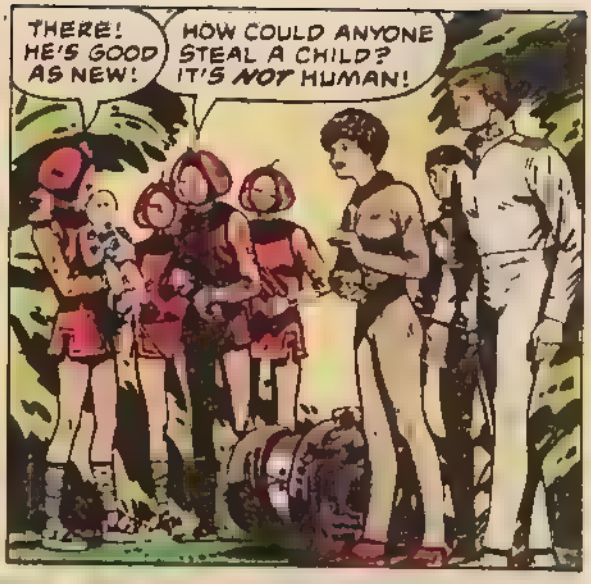
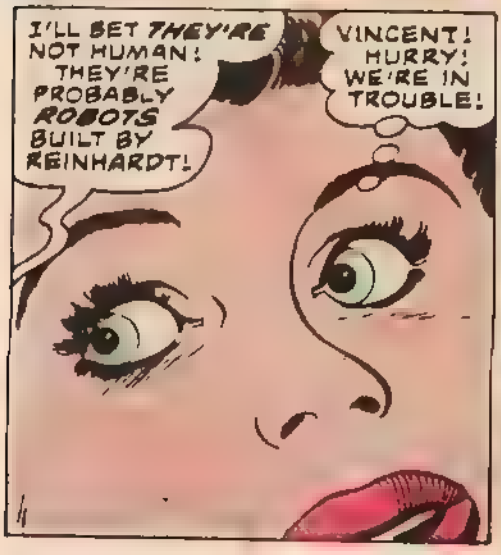
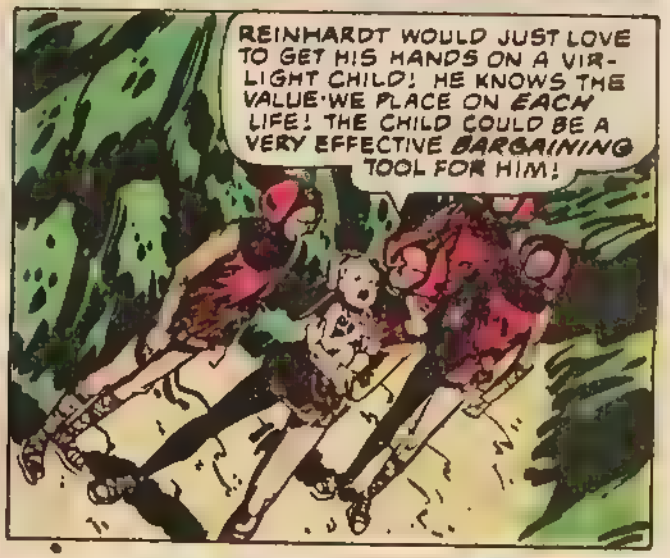

SUDDENLY...
THERE'S THE CHILD! AND THOSE STRANGERS... WHO ARE THEY?
KIDNAPPERS!
THEY MUST HAVE SLIPPED INTO THE CITY, AND TAKEN THE CHILD, DURING THAT DISTURBANCE AT THE GATE!
CAN'T MOVE! PARALYZED! THAT RAY GUN MUST HAVE DONE IT!
THEY NO DOUBT STOLE THE CHILD THINKING THEY COULD USE IT TO FORCE US TO SURRENDER THE CITY TO THEM! REVERSE THE RAY!
YES, SIR!

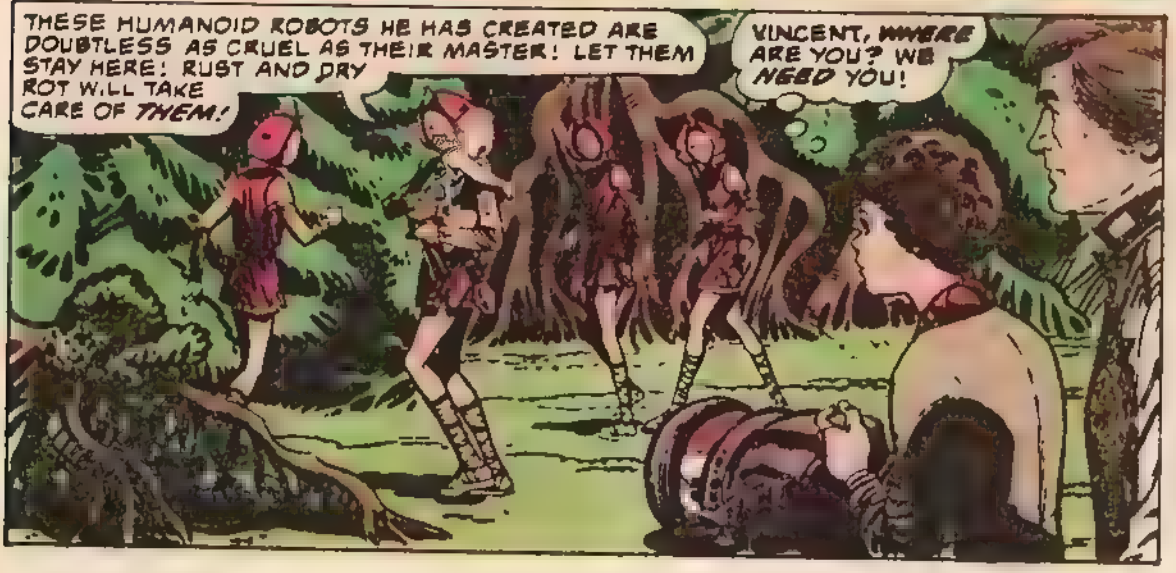
A BEAM OF RADIANT ENERGY LEAPS FROM THE APPARATUS IN THE SOLDIER'S HANDS AND ENVELOPS THE CHILD...



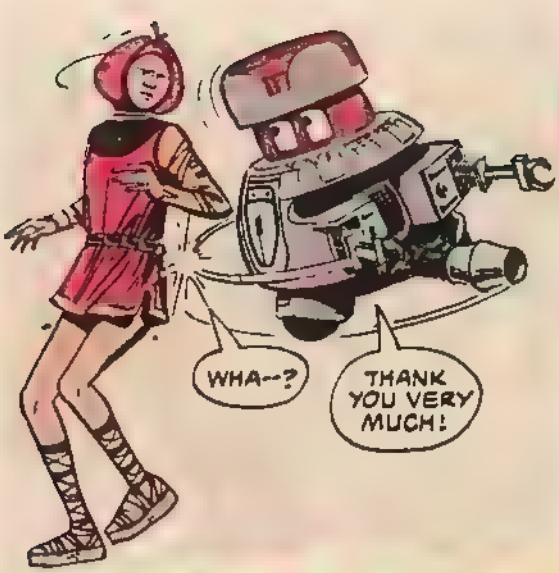


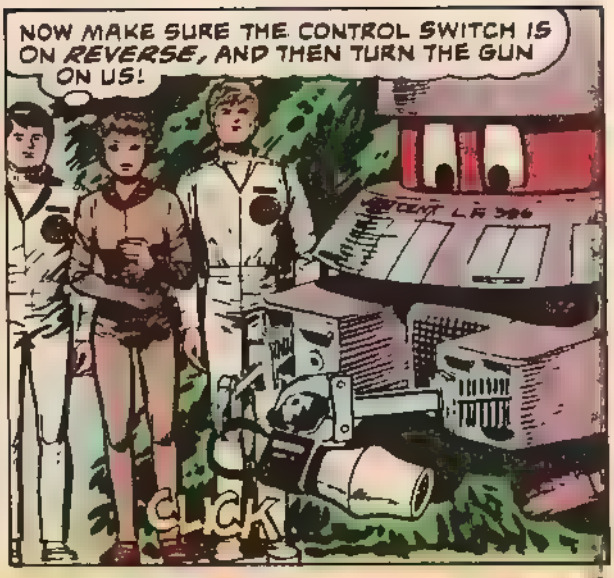



REINHARDT WOULD JUST LOVE TO GET HIS HANDS ON A VIR-LIGHT CHILD! HE KNOWS THE VALUE WE PLACE ON EACH LIFE! THE CHILD COULD BE A VERY EFFECTIVE BARGAINING TOOL FOR HIM!


THESE HUMANOID ROBOTS HE HAS CREATED ARE DOUBTLESS AS CRUEL AS THEIR MASTER! LET THEM STAY HERE! RUST AND DRY ROT WILL TAKE CARE OF THEM!
VINCENT, WHERE ARE YOU? WE NEED YOU!

SUDDENLY
DR KATE SHE NEEDS ME
THERE MUST BE A BREAK IN THE FENCE HERE SO PEOPLE CAN COME AND GO!
MY PASS IS SIGNED BY THE PRIEST ARAN!
YOU MAY GO
PARALYZED BY A VENOM DART LEFT IN THE FOREST TO DIE SHE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT!
VINCENT THANK GOODNESS DEAD THAT GUN FROM THE GROUND SOLDIER
NEVER FEAR DR KATE


WHA--?
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!


NOW MAKE SURE THE CONTROL SWITCH IS ON REVERSE, AND THEN TURN THE GUN ON US!
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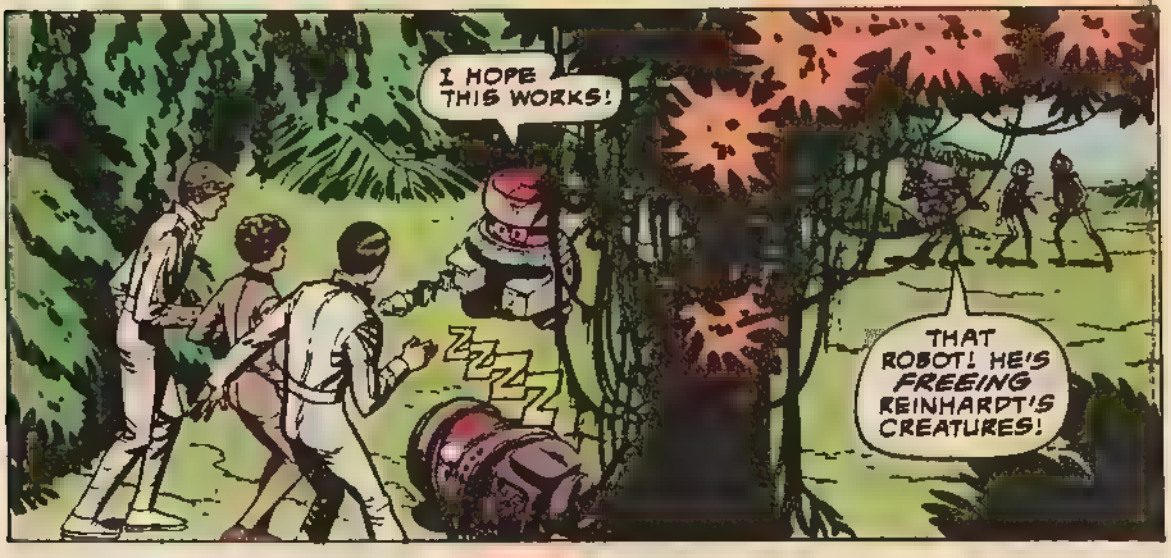
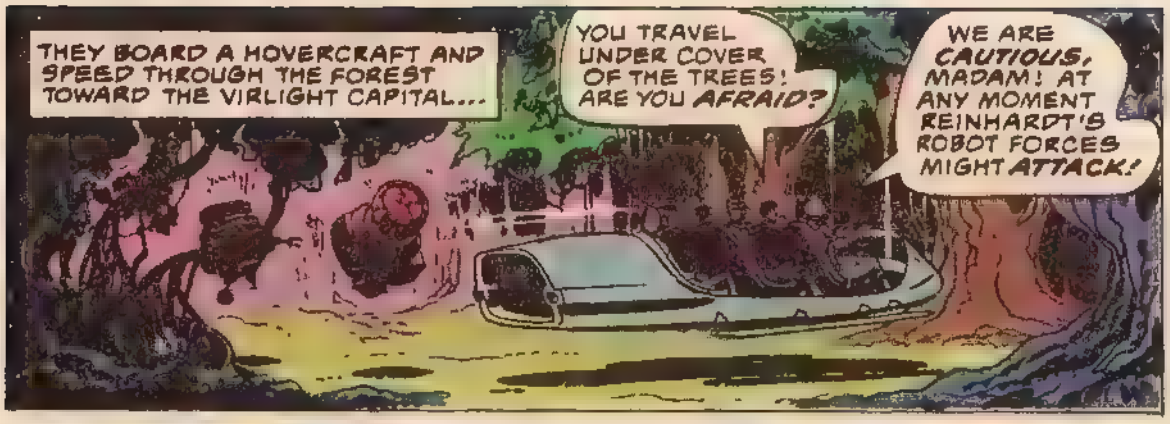
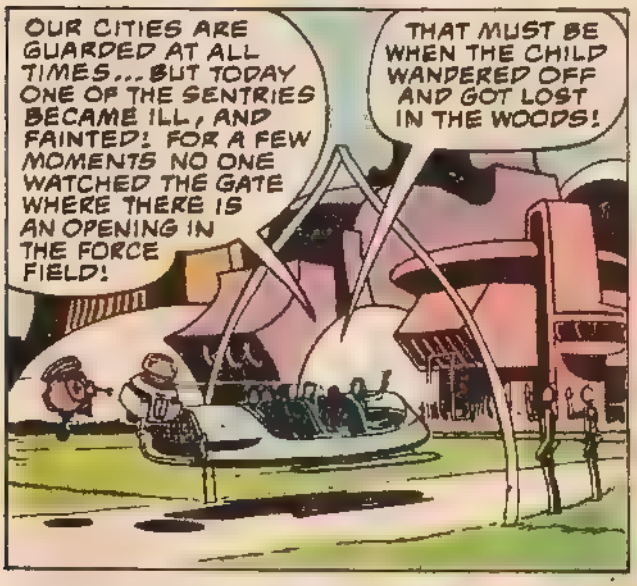

I HOPE THIS WORKS!
ZZZZZ
THAT ROBOT! HE'S FREEING REINHARDT'S CREATURES!

SUDDENLY RELEASED FROM THE PARALYZING RAY, CHARLIE DARTS FORWARD...
NO! YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND! WE'RE NOT REINHARDT'S ROBOTS! WE'RE...
PFIZER

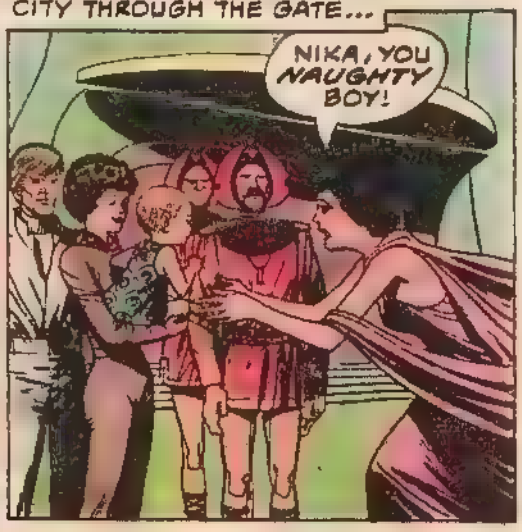
OOOF!

OUCH! NOW LISTEN, YOU GUYS...
BLEEDING! LOOK! THE THING IS WOUNDED!
THEN IT CAN'T BE A ROBOT! ROBOTS DON'T BLEED...
...NOT EVEN HUMANOID ROBOTS!
YOU'D BETTER BELIEVE WE'RE NOT ROBOTS! WE'RE HUMANS!
WE'VE VOYAGED FROM ANOTHER GALAXY... ANOTHER UNIVERSE! AND REINHARDT IS OUR ENEMY, JUST AS HE IS YOURS!
THEN IT IS YOUR SPACE SHIP THAT HAS LANDED BY THE SHORE!
ARAN ORDERED IT WATCHED BY A GUARD, NOT KNOWING WHERE IT WAS FROM!
PERHAPS THERE IS TRUTH IN WHAT THEY SAY: THE CHILD APPEARS FOND OF THE WOMAN!
SHOWS HE'S GOT GOOD TASTE! YOU DO, DON'T YOU, LITTLE ONE?
I WOULDN'T MIND IF THAT GUARD WAS KEPT POSTED! THE SHIP IS OUR ONLY MEANS OF GETTING HOME!
WE WILL TAKE YOU TO THE CITY OF ALPH! IT IS OUR STRONG-HOLD! THE PRIEST ARAN AND THE PRIESTESS MARESKA RULE THERE...
WE WILL LET THEM DECIDE IF YOU ARE TELLING THE TRUTH!

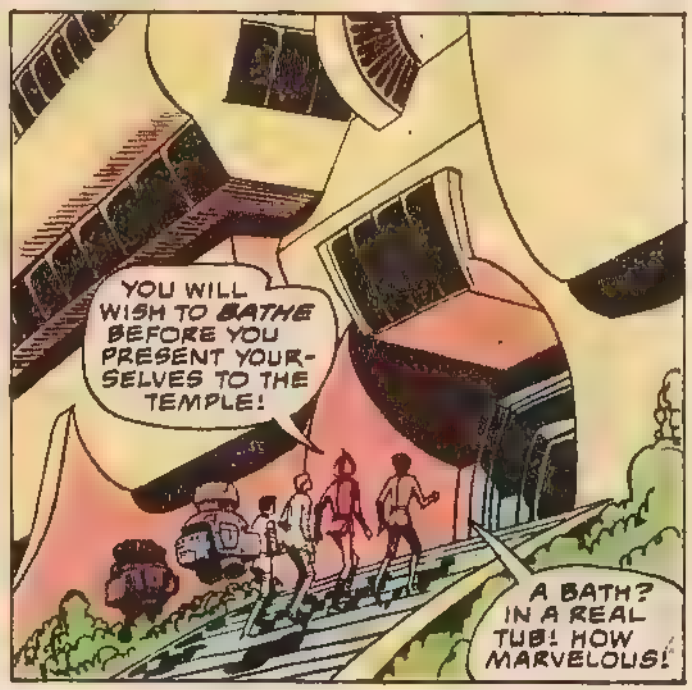

THEY BOARD A HOVERCRAFT AND SPEED THROUGH THE FOREST TOWARD THE VIRLIGHT CAPITAL...
YOU TRAVEL UNDER COVER OF THE TREES! ARE YOU AFRAID?
WE ARE CAUTIOUS, MADAM! AT ANY MOMENT REINHARDT'S ROBOT FORCES MIGHT ATTACK!


OUR CITIES ARE GUARDED AT ALL TIMES... BUT TODAY ONE OF THE SENTRIES BECAME ILL, AND FAINTED! FOR A FEW MOMENTS NO ONE WATCHED THE GATE WHERE THERE IS AN OPENING IN THE FORCE FIELD!
THAT MUST BE WHEN THE CHILD WANDERED OFF AND GOT LOST IN THE WOODS!

KATE'S GUESS SEEMS LOGICAL, AND WHEN THE HOVERCRAFT ENTERS THE CITY THROUGH THE GATE...



HOW COULD YOU RUN OFF AND FRIGHTEN ME SO? DON'T YOU KNOW THAT HANS REINHARDT EATS LITTLE CHILDREN WHEN HE FINDS THEM IN THE WOODS?



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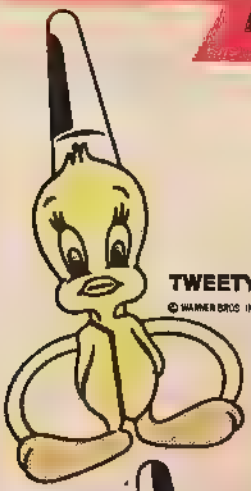

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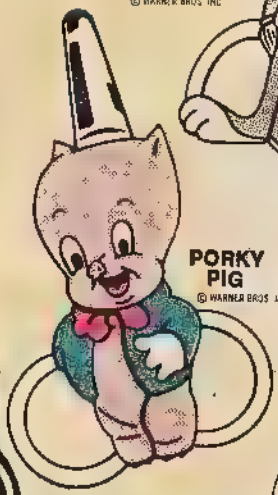

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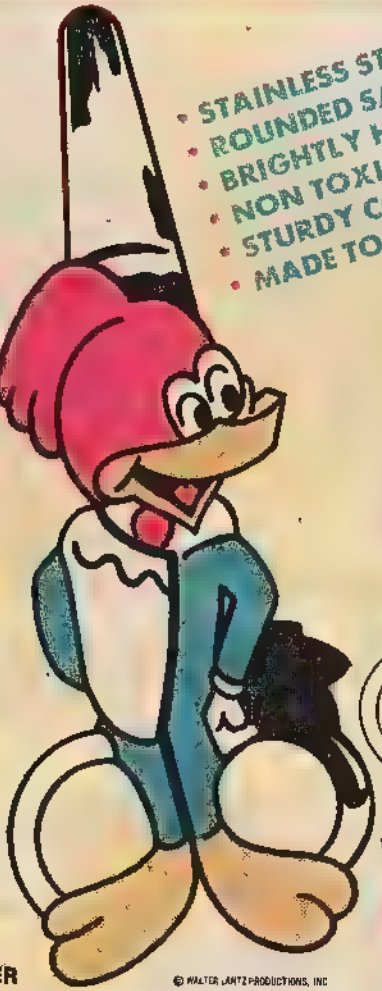

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OH, YES! IT'S LOVELY!
THERE! THE BELT TIES ON THE SIDE THIS WAY! AND IF YOU'RE READY, THE GENTLEMEN ARE WAITING!
SO...
KATE, YOU LOOK BEAUTIFUL!
YES, YOU DO, KATE! I...UH ...HAVEN'T BEEN IN ANY-THING THIS SHORT SINCE THE LAST TIME I WENT TO THE BEACH!
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THERE IS THE TEMPLE OF TRUTH! ARAN AND MARESKA AWAIT YOU THERE! THEY WILL DECIDE WHAT IS TO BECOME OF YOU!
THAT SOUNDS THREATENING, BUT... BUT SOMEHOW I'M NOT AFRAID!

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I THINK WE CAN PROVIDE YOU WITH THE —
ARAN! I BEG YOUR FORGIVENESS FOR THIS INTRUSION... BUT I'VE BEEN ATTACKED, AND THE SHIP HAS BEEN STOLEN!
THIS IS THE GUARD WHO WAS WATCHING YOUR SHIP! GET MEDICAL AID AT ONCE!
CAPTAIN HOLLAND, I'M TERRIBLY SORRY...
IT APPEARS YOUR SHIP HAS BEEN TAKEN... AND WE WON'T KNOW BY WHAT OR WHOM UNTIL HE COMES TO!
YOU MEAN WE'RE TRAPPED!
STUCK HERE FOREVER!
WE'LL NEVER SEE EARTH AGAIN!
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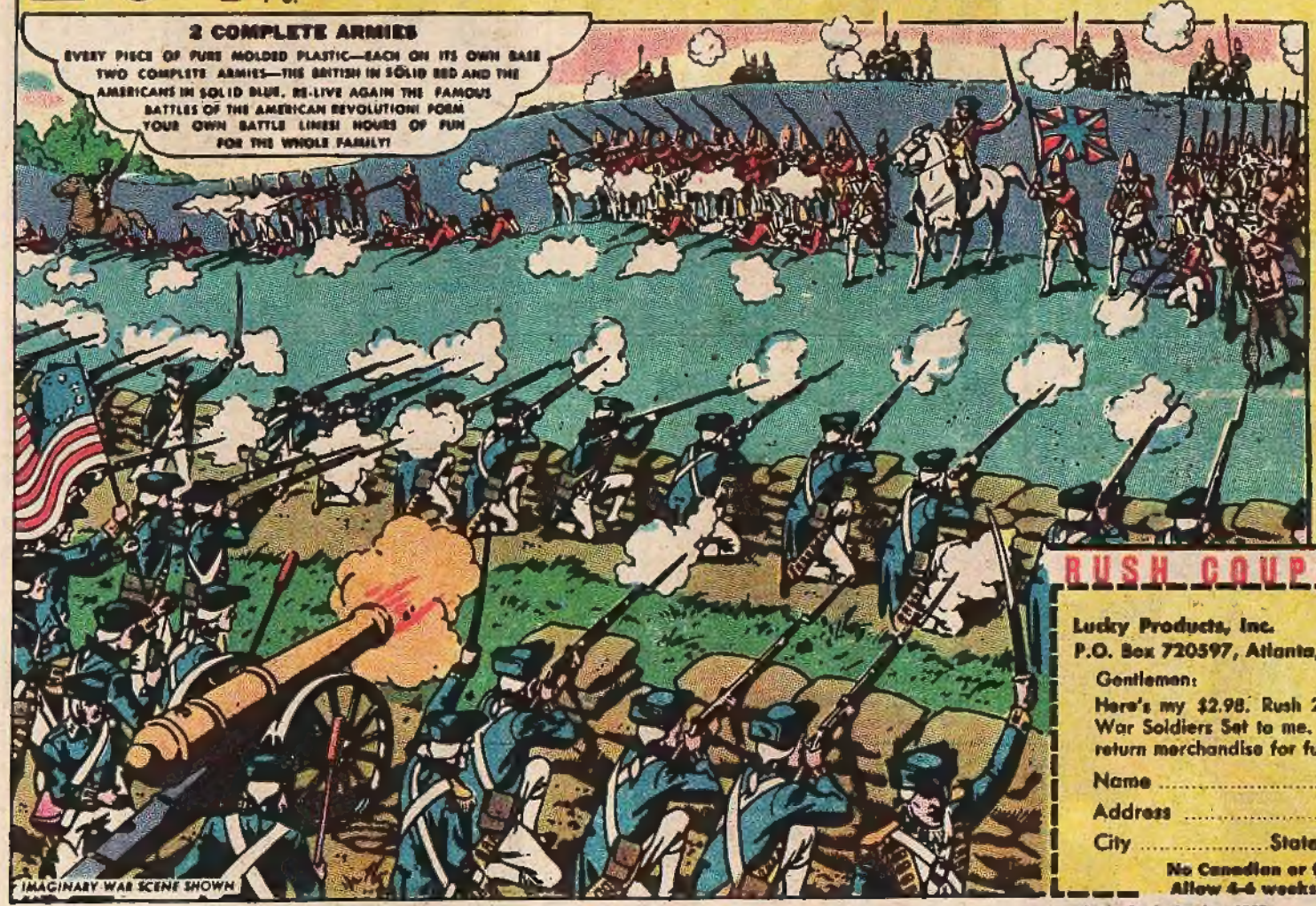

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